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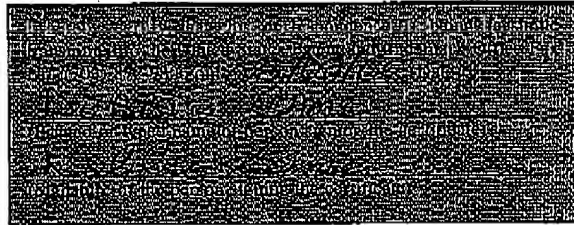
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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Harry T. French, *et al.*
Serial No.: 09/649,713
Filed: August 25, 2000
Title: MESSAGING SYSTEM FOR A PACKET TRANSPORT SYSTEM
AND METHOD OF OPERATION THEREOF
Grp./A.U.: 2665
Examiner: Clemence S. Han

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Before continuing examination of the above-identified application, please refer to the below arguments and amend the claims as indicated below.